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CONFIDENTIALCOUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Trains with Soviet Troops and Materiel Passing through COTTBUS25X1A
EVALUATION F-2PLACE OBTAINED Germany/COTTBUS

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Flatcars, carrying ten T-34 tanks, three trucks, including B 3-73-31, and one field kitchen
40 boxcars and gondola cars, the latter loaded with trunks and boards. *

2. Railroad officials stated that an increased number of west-bound troop trains have passed through COTTBUS since about 22 August 1949. Many tanks were observed on these trains, which were allegedly run in connection with Soviet army maneuvers. **

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- * Tank unit of the 9th Mecz Div (Cadre), according to the observed numbering series.

- ** Corresponding information (B) was previously obtained from the COTTBUS area.*** Other sources previously reported that the trains left the LUCKENWALDE area, proceeding west via COTTBUS (18 trains between 20 and 29 August 1949). It has not yet been ascertained whether the troops on the trains returned to the military posts from the maneuver areas or proceeded farther to the west (MAGDEBURG area?).

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